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SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS

1. ATMOSPHERICS:

INAUGURATION

-- FULL TEXT INAUGURAL ADDRESS, SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL
MESSAGE CARRIED BY ALL MAJOR PAPERS UNDER BANNER HEADLINES
WITH EXTENSIVE COVERAGE POST-INAUGURAL ACTIVITIES, RELATED
EVENTS. TV-RADIO FIRST DAY NEWSCASTS PRESENTED EXCERPTS
ADDRESS/MESSAGE. TV EXPANDED COVERAGE OVER WEEKEND WITH
INAUGURATION NEWSCLIPS; CHINA TELEVISION COMPANY (CTV)
BEGAN BROADCASTING FIRST VISUAL REPORTS FROM SPECIAL TEAM
IN WASHINGTON. TWO TV NETWORKS FOLLOWED MONDAY BY
BROADCASTING VIDEOTAPE FULL TEXT SPECIAL MESSAGE ON PRIME
EVENING NEWS PROGRAMS. MEDIA RELIED MAINLY COMMERCIAL
SOURCES, BUT TV-RADIO DREW ON POST-SUPPLIED TEXTS/TAPES FOR
FIRST DAY EXCERPTS ADDRESS/MESSAGE. CTV ALSO ACQUIRED
RIGHTS BROADCAST TWO-HOUR ENTERTAINMENT GALA HELD JANUARY 19
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AT KENNEDY CENTER IN HONOR CARTER'S INAUGURATION.
IN ADDITION NEWS COVERAGE, INAUGURAL ADDRESS ALSO
RECEIVED EDITORIAL COMMENT IN ALL PAPERS. LEADING CIRCULATION
DAILY UNITED DAILY NEWS (LIEN HO PAO, 420,000) IMPRESSED BY
CARTER SPEECH, PREDICTED HE WOULD BE GREAT PRESIDENT.
PAPER SAW SIGNIFICANCE IN STATEMENT, "BECAUSE WE ARE FREE,
WE CAN NEVER BE INDIFFERENT TO THE FATE OF FREEDOM ELESEWHERE."

TO DEMONSTRATE U.S. DEVOTION TO FREEDOM OF THOSE LIVING IN COMMUNIST WORLD, PAPER SAID CARTER SHOULD NO LONGER ACCOMMODATE TYRANNICAL COMMUNIST REGIME MAINLAND CHINA AND SHOULD HALT NORMALIZATION PROGRAM. CARTER'S IDEALS AREN'T VALID IF WORLD HALF FREE AND HALF SLAVE, COMMENT CONCLUDED.

OFFICIAL CENTRAL DAILY NEWS (CHUNG YANG HIH PAO, 310,000) PRAISED INAUGURAL ADDRESS AND NOTED CARTER'S EMPHASIS HUMAN RIGHTS. PAPER WENT ON TO SAY: 1) UNFORTUNATELY, U.S. DETENTE POLICY RECENT YEARS HAS RUN CONTRARY AMERICAN PRINCIPLES; 2) DURING THESE YEARS SOVIET UNION HAS BEEN FEVERISHLY PERSECUTING DISSIDENTS; 3) PRC GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN TRAMPLING ON HUMAN RIGHTS 800 MILLION CHINESE; 4) CARTER WILL BE ABLE REVIVE AMERICA'S FOUNDING SPIRIT; 5) ON THIS BASIS U.S.-ROC RELATIONS WILL BE ENHANCED BECAUSE OF IDEALS TWO COUNTRIES SHARE.

ANALYZING INAUGURAL ADDRESS IN NEW LIFE DAILY NEWS (HSIN SHENG HIH PAO, 100,000), PROFESSOR CHIN SHEN-PAO, NATIONAL CHENGCHI UNIVERSITY, REVIEWED BACKGROUND, SIGNIFICANCE MORAL PRINCIPLES IN U.S. DIPLOMACY. HE WROTE: UNLIKE UNITED KINGDOM, WHICH HAS ALWAYS BASED FOREIGN POLICY ON NATIONAL INTERESTS, U.S. HAS CONSTANTLY EXHIBITED IDEALISTIC TENDENCIES IN DIPLOMACY. U.S. WANTS BE BOTH IDEALISTIC, PRAGMATIC. HOW CARTER WILL SOLVE THIS CONFLICT REMAINS BE SEEN. BUT, AS FAITHFUL ALLY, ROC HOPES SEE REALIZATION U.S. DREAM FOR JUST, MORAL, PEACEFUL WORLD.

CARTER ON NUCLEAR TESTING

-- CARTER'S FIRST PRESIDENTIAL PRESS INTERVIEW HEADLINED UNCLASSIFIED

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NEWS IN ALL PAPERS JANUARY 25. EMPHASIS ON CARTER CALL FOR INSTANT, COMPLETE HALT ALL TESTING NUCLEAR DEVICES. UNITED DAILY NEWS ALSO QUOTED CARTER AS SAYING U.S. CONCERNED ABOUT REPROCESSING NUCLEAR FUEL, HOPES PUT SUCH MATTER UNDER INTERNATIONAL CONTROL.

KUO TEH-CHUAN, MEMBER FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE,
LEGISLATIVE YUAN, COMMENTING IN TA HUA EVENING NEWS
(TA HUA WAN PAO, 60,000) ON CARTER'S PROPOSAL END NUCLEAR
TESTING, SAID CARTER WOULD EVENTUALLY BE FORCED RECANT;
RIGHT NOW HE RESEMBLES NEW-BORN CALF WHICH, BECAUSE OF
IGNORANCE, DOES NOT FEAR TIGER. KUO, FORMER ROC DEFENSE
ATTACHE BOTH SOVIET UNION AND U.S., ADMITTED HE MADE SIMILAR
MISTAKE END WORLD WAR II WHEN HE ESTIMATED SOVIETS WOLD
NEVER SURPASS U.S. IN MILITARY STRENGTH. U.S. NOW FALLING
BEHIND; MAY ALREADY BE TOO LATE CATCH UP. KUO OPINED
CARTER SUGGESTION BAN NUCLEAR TESTING WOULD PROVE BE NOTHING
BUT WISHFUL THINKING; ONCE IT RECOGNIZES TRUE INTENT
COMMUNIST MILITARISM, U.S. WILL NO LONGER INDULGE FOOLISH
IDEALISM.

VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE

-- MONDALE'S WORLD TOUR RECEIVED PROMINENT COVERAGE THIS
WEEK. UNITED DAILY NEWS EDITORIALLY DESCRIBED TOUR AS
SIGNIFICANT DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE. PAPER SAID REVIVAL
WORLD ECONOMY WAS MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEM FOR MONDALE BROACH
WITH ALLIES. ALSO WOULD DISCUSS RELATIONS SOVIET UNION,
PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA, RELATIONS OPEC NATIONS.
IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE WHY CARTER SENT MONDALE ON MISSION
SO SOON AFTER INAUGURATION, UNITED DAILY NEWS SAID, BUT
THERE IS ONE PUZZLING ASPECT OF TOUR. SINCE MONDALE WILL
VISIT "FRONT LINE" IN BERLIN, WHY WON'T HE GO KOREA AS WELL?
AFTER ALL, PAPER ADDED, PANMUNJOM IS AS IMPORTANT AS WEST
BERLIN. TRIP TO KOREA WOULD SHOW IMPORTANCE NEW ADMINISTRATION ATTACHES PEACE IN ASIA. IF MONDALE VISITS JAPAN
WITHOUT GOING KOREA AND AT SAME TIME ADVOCATES WITHDRAWAL
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TROOPS, NORTH KOREA WILL BE ENCOURAGED ATTEMPT NEW MILITARY VENTURE.

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U.S. IMPORT QUOTAS

-- MIN TSU EVENING NEWS (MIN TSU WAN PAO, 60,000) EDITORIALLY ADVISED U.S. NOT IMPOSE QUOTAS ON IMPORT PLASTIC SHOES,

CANNED MUSHROOMS. PAPER SAID: 1) SUCH AN ACT WOULD THREATEN WORLD FREE TRADE MOVEMENT; 2) THOUGH TRADE BARRIERS MIGHT REDUCE UNEMPLOYMENT, THEY WOULD STIMULATE INFLATION; 3) SINCE INFLATION STILL NUMBER ONE ECONOMIC ENEMY, U.S. SHOULD NOT GO AGAINST OWN INTERESTS BY IMPOSING INFLATIONARY QUOTAS.

EDUCATION NOTES

-- NATIONAL YOUTH COMMISSION OF EXECUTIVE YUAN REPORTED THIS WEEK AS MANY AS 722 FOREIGN-TRAINED CHINESE SCHOLARS WITH ADVANCED DEGREES RETURNED TAIWAN LAST YEAR, AN ALL-TIME RECORD. OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF RETURNEES RECEIVED POST-GRADUATE TRAINING IN UNITED STATES.

COMMISSION REPORTED INFLUX OF FOREIGN-TRAINED CHINESE SCHOLARS NEGLIGIBLE BEFORE 1974, THE YEAR WORLDWIDE ECONOMIC RECESSION STARTED.

IN THAT YEAR, 486 CHINESE SCHOLARS RETURNED TAIWAN MAINLY BECAUSE THEY COULD NOT FIND EMPLOYMENT IN UNITED STATES. IN FOLLOWING YEAR, THE NUMBER OF THE RETURNEES UNCLASSIFIED

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DURING THE PAST TWO DECADES, AN AVERAGE OF 2,000 COLLEGE GRADUATES LEFT ANNUALLY FOR ADVANCED TRAINING ABROAD WITH THE UNITED STATES ABSORBING BULK OF THEM.

IN 1960'S, ALL BUT A FEW OF THEM STAYED OVERSEAS AFTER COMPLETING STUDY TOURS PARTLY BECAUSE FINDING JOBS ABROAD EASY AND PARTLY BECAUSE PRACTICALLY NO APPROPRIATE JOB OPENINGS FOR THEM AT HOME.

OFFICIALS SAY SITUATION NOW HAS UNDERGONE MARKED CHANGE BECAUSE IT INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT LAND JOBS ABORAD, WHILE THERE HAS BEEN GRADUAL INCREASE OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN TAIWAN DUE RAPID ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

-- DR. LI TCHONG-KOEI RESIGNED AS DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL RELATIONS, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION. SHE WILL BE REPLACED BY HER DEPUTY, BAO YOU-YU, FORMER ROC CULTURAL ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON. HE HAS BEEN DR. LI'S REPRESENTATIVE AT MOST MEETINGS OF FULBRIGHT BOARD AND IS MEMBER FULBRIGHT SELECTION COMMITTEE.

DR. LI IS RETURNING TO NATIONAL CHENGCHI UNIVERSITY AS FULL-TIME POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR.

HER HUSBAND, DR. SHIH CHI-YANG, RECENTLY BECAME
ADMINISTRATIVE VICE MINISTER, MOE. FORMERLY HE WAS KMT
YOURTH AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR.
-- DR. JOHN C. WEAVER, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN PRESIDENT,
CURRENTLY VISITING ROC, SPOKE AT MINISTRY OF EDUCATIONSPONSORED LECTURE FOR TAIPEI UNDERGRADUATES AND GRADUATE
STUDENTS JANUARY 25 ON NEW WAVE IN HIGHER EDUCATION INU.S.

AIMED AT FILLING NEED FOR PEOPLE TO LEARN EVEN AT ADVANCED

AGE. FOUR TRENDS OBVIOUS TODAY IN U.S., DR. WEAVER SAID:
1) MORE AND MORE PROFESSIONAL ADULTS ARE STUDYING AT
UNIVERSITIES; 2) MORE PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE URGING
EMPLOYEES TO PURSUE HIGHER EDUCATION; 3) ADULTS INTERESTED
AND QUALIFIED RECIEVE HIGHER EDUCATION BUT PREVENTED FROM
DOING SO IN PAST ARE NOW BEING ASSISTED BY UNIVERSITIES
TO FULFILL WISHES, AND 4) MORE EFFORT BEING MADE TO HELP
PEOPLE HAVE MORE SATISFACTORY LIFE, REGARLESS PROFESSIONAL
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LIFE STYLE, THROUGH UTILIZING CULTURAL HERITAGE OFFERED BY UNIVERSITIES.

II. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

-- USIS TAICHUNG'S SUCCESSFUL LIBRARY OUTREACH PROGRAM CONTINUES EXPANSION WITH TARGETED ARTICLE ALERT SERVICE FOR INDIVIDUAL ARS MEMBERS AND UNIVERSITY-LEVEL BOOKMOBILE LOAN SERVICE. MOST RECENT CAMPUS "BLITZ" JANUARY 21 CAREFULLY PLANNED BY POST, WITH ADMINISTRATION PRIOR CLEARANCE AND ADVANCE POSTER PUBLICITY. NET RESULT OF SIX VISITS FOUR INSTITUTIONS WAS LOAN 1,071 BOOKS (MORE THAN HALF CHINESE LANGUAGE) AND ENROLLMENT 432 NEW LIBRARY MEMBERS. POST PLANS CONTINUE INTENSIVE OUTREACH PROGRAM TO UNIVERSITY STUDENTS DURING SECOND SEMESTER. -- POST-ORIGINATED "AS AMERICAN A PICTURE..." PHOTO EXHIBIT BY FREELANCE PHOTOGRAPHER ROBIN MOYER OPENED AT USIS TAICHUNG WITH RECEPTION FOR 60, INCLUDING FIVE PRIMARY AUDIENCE MEMBERS. MOYER'S EXHIBIT OF 180 PHOTOGRAPHS PRESENTS CROSS SECTION OF U.S. LIFE AND SUPPORTS POST CP OBJECTIVE 4 (ARTS AND HUMANITIES).

-- USIS TAIPEI CULTURAL ASSISTANT LAWRENCE HUNG CONDUCTED TWO-DAY LANGUAGE LABORATORY WORKSHOP AT USIS TAICHUNG JANUARY 13-14 FOR 20 ENGLISH TEACHING ASSISTANTS FROM FIVE MAJOR COLLEGES IN CENTRAL TAIWAN AND SEVERAL PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES. WORKSHOP FOCUSED ON ASSUESSMENT OF LANGUAGE LABORATORY AS A TESL TOOL AND ON PRACTICAL SUGGETIONS FOR DEVISING TEACHER-ORIGINATED MATERIALS AND TESTS. HUNG BASED HIS TALKS ON ARTICLES FROM BACK ISSUES ICS ENGLISH TEACHING FORUM AND OTHER AGENCY TESL MATERIALS. HUNG MADE USE OF WORKSHOP TO INTRODUCE USIS ENGLISH TEACHING SUPPORT SERVICES AND PROMOTE SUBSCRIPTIONS ENGLISH TEACHING FORUM. TWO OF THE PARTICIPANTS INDICATED THEY PLAN WRITE ARTICLES ON LANGUAGE LABS BASED ON INFORMATION THEY OBTAINED FROM WORKSHOP.

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